THE GRIST OF LOCAL NEWS.

A Mysterious Shooting Affray in Which a Pugilist Figures.

RAILROADS AND CITY TAXES.

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Shooting a Pugilist.

The air has been full of rumors yesterday about a shooting scrape which took place, as alleged, at Fallon's Cottonwood vilia, on Sherman avenue, last night. The story was to the effect that a number of Omaha pugilistic lights, conspicuous McCormick, the road cussing the merits of various fighters, when a dispute arose as to Mc Cormick's prowess. That worthy, it is said, became wrathy, and suddenly let out his right square into the face of a man who was making light of him. A free tight, it is said, followed, in which revolvers were drawn. McCormick, it is alleged, was shot, receiving serious high not necessarily dangerous wound Where he was taken to, or what became of the man who did the shooting could not be ascertained,

Professor P. J. Fallon who was ques tioned about the matter yesterday after-noon, denied that any such affair had happened at his plac. He could not ac-count for the rumore, but thought that it was originate by some envious person who wanted injure him or the reputatiou

Later on in the day it was reported that McCormick's wounds had been received in a brawl at a saloon in South Omaha, and that he had died. Mc Cormick since the fight in which he broke Al Marx's jaw, has been arrogant in the extreme, and tried to "lord it over" men whom he considered in-ferior in pugilistic ability. It is proba-ble that the trouble of Monday night arose from his too free display of these

RAILROAD TAXATION.

An Interesting Discussion Before Judge Wakeley Yesterday Morning. The much mooted question as to the right of the city to tax all railroad property within the corporate limits, was be-

fore Judge Wakeley yesterday morning, and was discussed by Mr. Poppleton for the raniroads and by City Attorney Connell on behalf of the city.

The question arose on a demurrer filed by the city, to a petition of the Union Pacific railway company, asking for an injunction to prevent the collection of taxes assessed against certain property

belonging to the railroad company.

It was claimed by the city attorney that notwithstanding the state law requiring railroad and telegraph companies to make returns of its property to the state board of equalization, that the city had power to assess all such property as might be within the limits of the city, the same as the property of other corporations and individuals is assessed. Mr. Poppleton denied the correctness of this proposition, and contended that for the purpose of city taxation the pro rata proposition of milage, as determined by the state board of equalization, was the only proper system of the taxation of railroad right-of-way, depot, grounds, etc. Mr. Poppleton also urged that even is such system was not correct, all objection thereto should be addressed to the legislature, in place of to the courts.

During the argument, the city attorney proposition, that under the present state law, if the charter in express terms gave the city the right to tax all railroad property within the limits, according to valuation, the city would have such right, and that such right would not be in conflict with the state law.

To the question of the city attorney, Mr. Poppleton responded, that if such charter provision was enacted subsequent to the state law, the city would probably have such right, and it would not be in conflict with the state law

Upon the conclusion of the arguments, Judge Wakely took the case under advisement, and will probably render his decision before the adjournment of the present term of court.

With regard to the taxes involved in the litigation, it was further claimed by Mr. Poppleton as a matter of fact that the city had already collected taxes for the year in controversy, according to the system for which he contended, and the city attorney admitted that if such was the fact, the city could not again collect taxes for such year upon a valuation as-sessment, for that would amount to

The principal question involved still remains for settlement by the charter amendment committee, and it is prob-able that in view of the admission of Mr. Poppleton that the charter may be so amended as to assess all railroad property for city taxation according to valuation that such an amendment will be made.

GOVERNMENT CASH.

Lieut. Kingman Tells How it is to be Expended.

Lieutenant Dan Kingman has returned from his trip to New Orleans, and is packing-up preparatory to leaving for that place within the next week,

"I have been appointed district officer of the Fourth district of the Mississippi river," said that gentieman to a reporter yesterday. "The territory I have to cover includes that portion of the river from Warrenton, just below Vicksburg, to the head of the jetties. The government is commencing extensive improvements in that section-such as the removal of sand bars near the mouth of the Red river and the building of submerged dams in the Atchafalaya river to prevent the Mississippi from breaking down its barriers and sweeping through the channel of that river, on its way to the gulf. Extensive improvements are also being made on the New Orleans harbor, such as the construction of protective barriers against the under-mining of the banks."

"How much has been appropriated by the government for carrying on your

"Altogether, about \$600,000." Of the amount, about \$180,000 is available.
Lieutenant Kingman has not yet been relieved from his position as officer in charge of the Yellowstone park work.
Inasmuch as the work is all done in the summer when the water in the class. summer when the water in the river is so high as to prevent work being carried on it is probable that Lieutenant King-man can attend to both branches of the

LAW AND ORDER.

A Branch of the League Established in North Omaba.

Monday night a very successful meeting was held in the basement of the Saunders street Presbyterian church at which a branch of the Law and Order league was established. It was called to order by Mr. Taylor and Mr. O. H. Ballon stated the object of the same to be to aid in the enforcement of the law in all cases of infraction. The aim was not necessarily directed to the enforcement of the Siocum law with regard to saloons. It was of broader into assuming the saloons will be in operated that the bases will be in opera-

all kinds. Mr. Ritchie was elected president of the league, Messrs. Lowe and Newman secretaries and S. N. Gustin Newman secretaries and S. N. Gustin treasurer. An executive committee consisting of the following members was appointed: O. H. Ballou, Chas. Watts, John Trench, T. B. Barnes, S. N. Gustin, Will H, Anderson, E. B. Russell, and John McEwing. The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the president, and \$180 was subscribed to carry out the plans of the league. ans of the league.

ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

CRIMINAL NOTES.

The Last Acts of Mr. Estelle's Official District Attorney Estelle yesterday arigned Messrs. Woonford and Sullivan, charged with burglarizing Mrs. Davis' dry goods store on Sixteenth street. Both

pleaded guilty. He also filed an information against Valentine Lipp for receiving money under false pretenses, and Batten charged with perjary, the latter being the young man who can away with and married the daughter of Mr. James McArdle, several months ago. The latter two will be prosecuted by Mr. Simeral, who suc-The former two will be sent to the penitentiary, thus in-creasing the number of those who have een sent there by Mr. Estelle during the present term to sixteen. Mr. Estelle has taken up his permanent residence here and will continue to practice at the bar after retiring from official life.

NEW OUTFITS FOR NEWSPAPERS. The Omaha Type Foundry and Sup ply House for Printers and Publishers.

The Western Newspaper Union at Jumaha is prepared at all times to outlit publishers on short notice with presses, ype, rules, borders, inks, composition, sticks and rules, and in fact everything in the line of printers and publishers supplies. Better terms and more liberal rices can be secured than by sending to Chicago or elsewhere. Save money by buying near home. Second hand goods in the printing line bought and sold. We often have great bargains in this particu-lar. Send for THE PRINTERS' AUXILIARY, our monthly trade journal, that gives lists of goods and prices and from time to time proclaims unequalled bargains in-new and second hand material.

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Smith's Small Parcels. Mr. B. F. Smith is now seriously considering what to do with several parcels of property which belong to him and lie adjacent to lots in the main thoroughfares which are now being most richly mproved. He owns twenty-two feet on Farnam street adjoining the lot of A. Cahn in the northeast corner of Fourteenth street, on which the latter gentleman proposes to erect his \$150,000 building. If the latter could be enlarged by the erection of a tleman \$150,000 building of similar design on Smith's property, the value and the beauty of the ocation would be immensely enhanced. The same condition obtains with reference to Mr. Smith's lot immediately east of the Merchants' National bank, which is now in course of erection on the corner of Thirteenth and Farnam streets. It is probable that in each of these Mr. ith's determination to build will made in a few days, because the buildings contemplated can now be erected with much less expense than if they would be put up at a different time.

Merchants Hotel, Omaha, Nat Brown Prop. \$2 per day. Cor. 15th and Farnam. All street cars from depot pass house.

Carcless Friends. Yesterday morning a well dressed lady

in the lobby of the post office wrote the following address upon a parcel and deposited the latter for transmission: "Mrs. M. E. Weeks, G. T. Smith's block, room 88." There is no such place in town, and to find out where the building in question is, Superintendent Evers will be compelled to make inquiries of the post-masters in many of the leading cities. The parcel contains a beautiful chenile shawl, which is evidently intended as a present, and yet, as it now stands, it will ot be able to reach its destination. Mr. Evers says that the majority of parcels addressed in the office are badly directed. and result in either untold annoyance or loss of the package, and frequently both.

For sale or exchange for clear land, Council Bluffs or Omaha property, a most promising and fashionably trotting bred 2-year-old stallion, standard bred. Rule 6. Address P. B. Punt, Harlan, Ia.

German-American School. The ladies of the German school association who have taken charge of the German-American school, 1818 Harney str., have resolved to reduce the tuition to \$1.00 per month, commencing January 1st, 1887. Those wishing to send their children to said school will please apply to any one of the following members of

the committee: Mrs. G. Pomy, 10th and Pierce, Mrs. C. C. Schaefer, 2100 Farnam. Mrs. M. Tibke, 3001 Cuming. Mrs. G. Heimrod, 1708 Douglas.

Mrs. F. Lange, 608 S. 13th st. Or to M. Hempel, the principal.

Licensed Watchmaker for the U. I C. S. RAMYOND, Douglas and 15th.

He'il Look Out for the Revenue. Mayor Rowley, of Mitchell, one of the Grover's pets, is in town. He has recently been appointed successor to General Dennis, deputy United States collector for the southern district of Dakota, with headquarters at Yankten. The major will not take hold of the affairs of the office until about the first of February, because the work of the position during the month of January is such as no new man desires to undertake. Major Rowley's headquarters will be at Mitchell,

ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

288 New York Was Missed, There was no through mail from Nev York Monday night the fast rain having missed connection at some place because of some inexpheable reason. Our merchants, therefore, have been patiently waiting all day for the fast mail train. which arrives to night, which will doubt less have its double load of both mercan tile and holiday matter.

Albright's Choice.

Settled at Last.

Monday night the Omaha Literary as sociation, at Judge Barka's office, settled for all time the momentous question as to whether the attitude of the government of the United States toward polygamy were just and expedient. Polygamists were scarce and their arguments were more scarce, and the government sup-porters accordingly won the night.

Fire Alarm Boxes.

The new fire alarm boxes ordered for the city, will be located at Sixteenth and Vinton, Twenty-ninth and Farnam,
Threeath and Webster, the boiler room
of the Union Pacific car shops, and
a relative.

F. W. Ghay, Pres.

THE COURT MARTIAL SYSTEM. An Army Officer Makes Comments Thereon.

"It is a startling fact, shown up by reliable figures," said an army officer vesterday; "that 50 per cent of the soldiers in department were, during the past year, tried by court martial. Most of them, of course, were tried for petty offenses, such as drunkenness, being off duty without leave of absence. This is a pitiful showing, and at the same time its truth can disputed. It proves that there is something radically wrong with the present system of court martial. As the thing is now, if a soldier goes off or becomes intoxicated, he is immediately tried by court martial, and sentenced to a term in the guard house. That relieves him from duty and throws the work on the men who behave themselves. This discourages the good soldiers and helps the bad ones. The fact is there ought to be a fixed code of laws, rigidly enforced, with a certain punishment for each crime—something similar to the code which obtains in the volice court. Then a soldier who disobeys these laws would know just what punishment to expect. Under the present system a soldier, tried by our court martial, might get a sentence, more severe or more leni-ent than a soldier, who commits the very same crime, but is tried by a different court-martial board. In my opinion there ought to be less guard-house sen-tence and more fining done. Let a sol-dior understand that an infringement of the law is going to cost him the half or half or whole of his months pay and he will be pretty apt to keep straight. For that reason a fixed code of laws and fines ought to be determined upon.

"The percentage of crime among the soldiers during the past year," continued the speaker has perhaps' been greater on account of the change of regiments which has taken place. Men who have been stationed at posts far out in the western country, have brought into the "conlines of civilization," and they immediately proceed to allow their vicious tendencies full play. This is illustrated in the case of the second and the twelth regiments

Gens. Crook and Dandy have returned from their trip to Robinson and Niobrara ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

RAIL NOTES. New Engines for the Union Pacific-

Mr. Bogue's Arrival. About the end of this week the Union Pacific will receive from Baltimore ten new engines for heavy work. These engines will be used for freight trains and are known as "slack-burners," They are so constructed as to burn slack-coala species of fuel which until recently has been useless. In this way a great saving in the item of fuel will be effected. It is said that this fuel is capable of giving just as great heat, when used in one of these engines as the coal ordinarly used.

MR. BOGUE'S ARRIVAL. The newly appointed chief engineer of the Union Pacific, Mr. Bogue, arrived in this city; yesterday with his family from the south. He assumed his duties yester-day morning. Mr. Bogue comes here from the position of assistant chief engin-eer of the Northern Pacific, with highrec-

A RIDICULOUS RUMOR. Union Pacific officials denounce as an idle and ridiculous rumor the statement that Lucius Tuttle is to be appointed passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific. They say such a thing has never been thought of.

THE CHIEF CLERKS.
The chief clerks of the Union Pacific road are still in session in General Superintendent Smith's office. They will wind up their business to-day.

ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

NEW YORK MEN IN OMAHA.

A Firm of Them to Establish a Wholesale Clothing House.

Another feature which will be a welcome one to this city is the establishment of an exclusively wholesale clothing house, which will open here in the spring, with eastern men, backed by all the capital necessary to conduct a business of the kind specified on a scale commensurate with the demands and development of this section of the country. The name of the firm is known to the Bee, but is withheld till later. They will open in a building belonging to the Ezra Millard estate on Harney street, adjoining the Millard building now on the corner of Eleventh street. The new structure will be 44x132 feet, with four stories and basement, costing \$40,000, and of a design in harmony with that al-ready erected at the corner mentioned One half of the building will be occupied by the firm in question, the other part being taken by another firm, of which nothing may now be said.

\$5,000.

Furniture of the Commercial House, Grand Island, Neb., to be sold at force sale before January 1st, 1887, consisting of Beds, Bedding, Chamber Suits, Stoyes, 1 Large Wrought Iron Range, with Steam Table, etc., Dining Room and Office Furniture, etc. Goods will be sold to suit purchasers in any quantily. Terms o sale will be made liberal. For information, call on or address J. G. RAINE. Grand Island.

Mrs. Dillman's Death. The remains of Mrs. Henry Diliman will arrive by the Union Pacific from Cheyenne this morning at 7:55

o'clock. They will be accompanied by Mr. Dillman and his three children and Mrs. John Richards of this city, mother of the deceased. The remains will be borne to the residence of the latter, 816 Harney street, from which place the funeral will take place at 8 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Dillman had been sick for a couple of weeks, and her mother was called from this city to her side. Several letters were received from her, the last telling her children in this city to celebrate Christmas, happily because their sister was considered out of danger. The next day a telegram was received announcing Mrs. Dillman's

Albright's Choice.

Pettis-Gibson. Monday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, 1411 California street, Mr. O. S. Pettis, of this city, was mar-ried to Miss Ida L. Gibson. The grooms-man was Mr. C. C. Burdick, the bride being attended by Miss Helen Copeland, daughter of the officiating elergyman, Rev. W. E. Copeland, of Unity church. The reception lasted from 8 to 12 o'clock.

ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

The Paupers' Feast.

Mr. Mahoney, superintendent of the poor, save that he is preparing a Christmas dinner for the inmates of the poor house, which will bring joy to them in their misery and abandonment. They will be treated to tarkey and systems. both of which are rarities out in that

ALBRIGHT'S CHOICE.

Skiles' Villainy. Sarah B. Skiles asked for a divorce from her husband, Robert J. Skiles yesterday morning in the district court. The lat ter is now in the penitentiary for forgery Land to a transmission of the service of the servic

behind the walls he had roubed his wife of her wedding presents, jewelry, pony and sold them to get money to practice adultery, one of his associates in the latrime being a woman, residing on Main street in Council Biuffs.

The Cozzens and Robert Law. The Cozzens house yesterday passed, a dinner time, into the control of Mr. Rob ert Law who has bought Mr. Rumsey interest and lease and will hereafter rur the hotel in the most approved style Mr. Law's great circle of acquaintances throughout this section of the country both as railroad man and landlord, will doubtless secure to him an immediate and lucrative patrouage. Mr. Law has and lucrative patrouage. Mr. Law has retained the services of Joe Needham, the popular young gentleman who has been behind the office counter for three years back, and Mr. Ross, the young man who for some time back, has acted as the nigi

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For twenty years Henry F. Balcom, of Shirley, Mass., suffered with rheumatism He found no relief till he took Hood? Sarsaparilla.

In Saco, Me., one night last week, Miss Bertha Weymouth tilled a jug with water, corked it, and put it on the stove to heat before taking it to bed. When it was hot enough she started up stairs, and hen with a big bang, the cork flew out and the hot water spurted into her face, scalding her badly. She now knows nore about the power of steam than she

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